

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1625 – HB 1699

February 19, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes full-time state employees to be eligible for enrollment in up to four courses per academic year at any state-supported college or university, college of applied technology, or the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute without paying tuition or fees; including online course fees.

Requires such state employees to take only one course at a time. Requires the availability of waivers of online course fees for courses taken through the Tennessee Board of Regent's online degree program to be limited each year by the amount of funds specifically appropriated for such online course fee waivers in the general appropriations act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on the provisions of Tenn. Code. Ann § 8-50-114(a), the substantive change that this bill is making is to clarify that state employees shall be eligible to enroll in up to four courses per academic year, rather than one course per term; there are currently four distinct terms, including two mini-semesters, which would allow a state employee student to take four courses in a year under current law.
- No increase in the number of courses taken by eligible state employees; the number of waivers that will be given to state employees; or the amount of the tuition and fee waiver that is available to state employees annually. Any increase in state expenditures will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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